

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FIR ISLAND FARM FINAL DESIGN PROJECT

DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN

Objective

- To provide timely information on the conduct and progress of the Final Design Project.
- To clearly lay out the pathways of communication internal to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); between WDFW and local stakeholders ; and between WDFW and tribal co-managers.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Communications With Local Stakeholders

- Final Design Project information will be available via WDFW's website which will be updated quarterly.
- Local stakeholders will have a number of formal opportunities to review and comment on the Final Project Design during permit processes including Skagit County's SEPA, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, Hearing Examiner Special Use Permit, 401 Certification, Corps Section 10, and ESA consultations.
- WDFW and their primary consultant will attend periodic meetings with CDD#22 to discuss the progress of the project with the district commissioners.
- WDFW will periodically consult with the farms adjacent to the Fir Island Farm project site.
- WDFW's project partners will update their respective stakeholder organizations.
- WDFW will provide the Skagit Watershed Counsel the opportunity to review the 60% design and final design.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Internal Communications

- WDFW's Project Manager will keep WDFW Region 4 Director updated regarding Steering Committee and consultant team activities and timelines.
- The Regional Director will communicate the objectives of the Final Design Project and project progress to key WDFW Executive Management Team members, Director, and WDFW's legislative liaison.

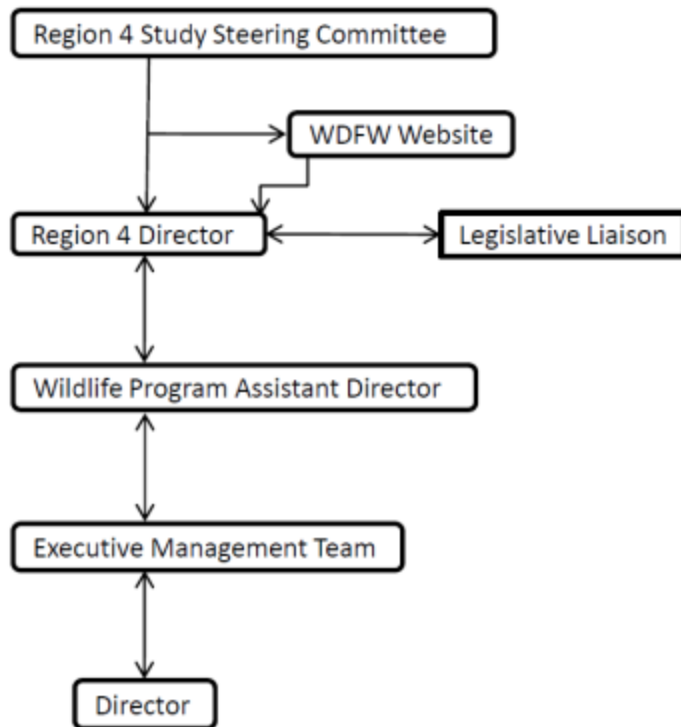


Figure 1: WDFW internal communications.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Communications With Tribal Co-Managers

Final Design Project information will be available to the Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative, the Upper Skagit Tribe, and Stilliquamish Tribe via WDFW's website which will be updated quarterly. WDFW will provide the Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative, the Upper Skagit Tribe, and Stilliquamish Tribe the opportunity to review the 60% and the final project designs. The Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative, the Upper Skagit Tribe, and Stilliquamish Tribe will also have the opportunity to review and comment on the final project design during SEPA, Shoreline and Hearing Examiner Special Use Permit hearing, 401 Certification, Corps Section 10, and ESA consultation processes. WDFW will be available to discuss the Final Design Project with the tribes at their invitation. Informal communications with the Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative, and the Upper Skagit Tribe relating to the Fir Island Farm Final Design Project will be coordinated by WDFW's project manager. Formal communications with the Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative, and the Upper Skagit Tribe relating to the Fir Island Farm Final Design Project will be coordinated by WDFW's Region 4 Director, in consultation with WDFW's Attorney General as necessary.

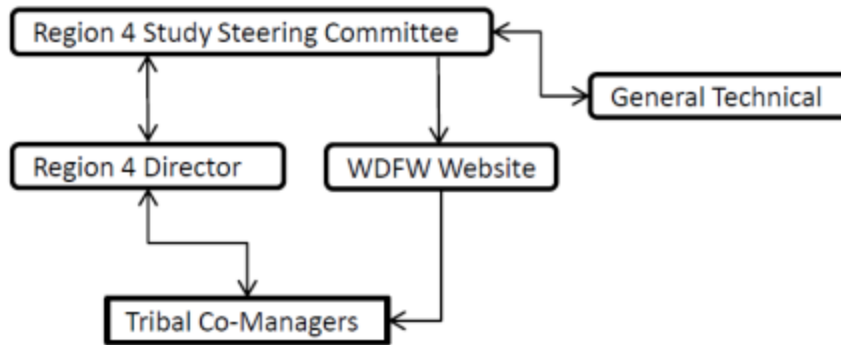


Figure 2: WDFW communications with Tribal Co-Managers.

WDFW Website

To navigate to the website from the WDFW homepage go to:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/> (WDFW Homepage) click on [WDFW Lands](#) click on [Wildlife Areas](#) (select) [Skagit](#) and click on [Fir Island Farms](#). There is a link on the Fir Island Farms page to the project site.

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